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WWAMI Medical Education

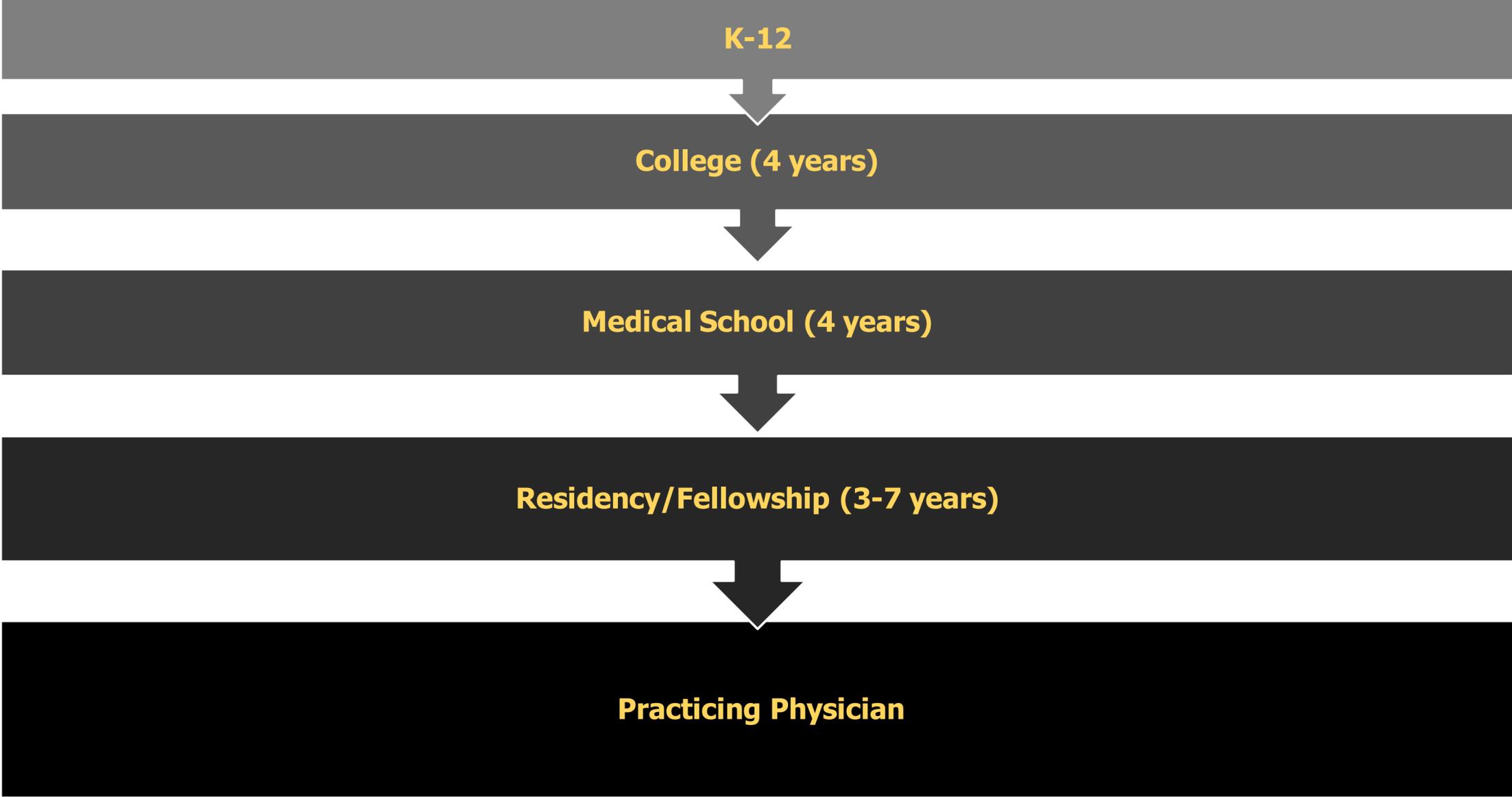


**IDAHO WWAMI  
FUTURE PHYSICIANS!**



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# PHYSICIAN PIPELINE

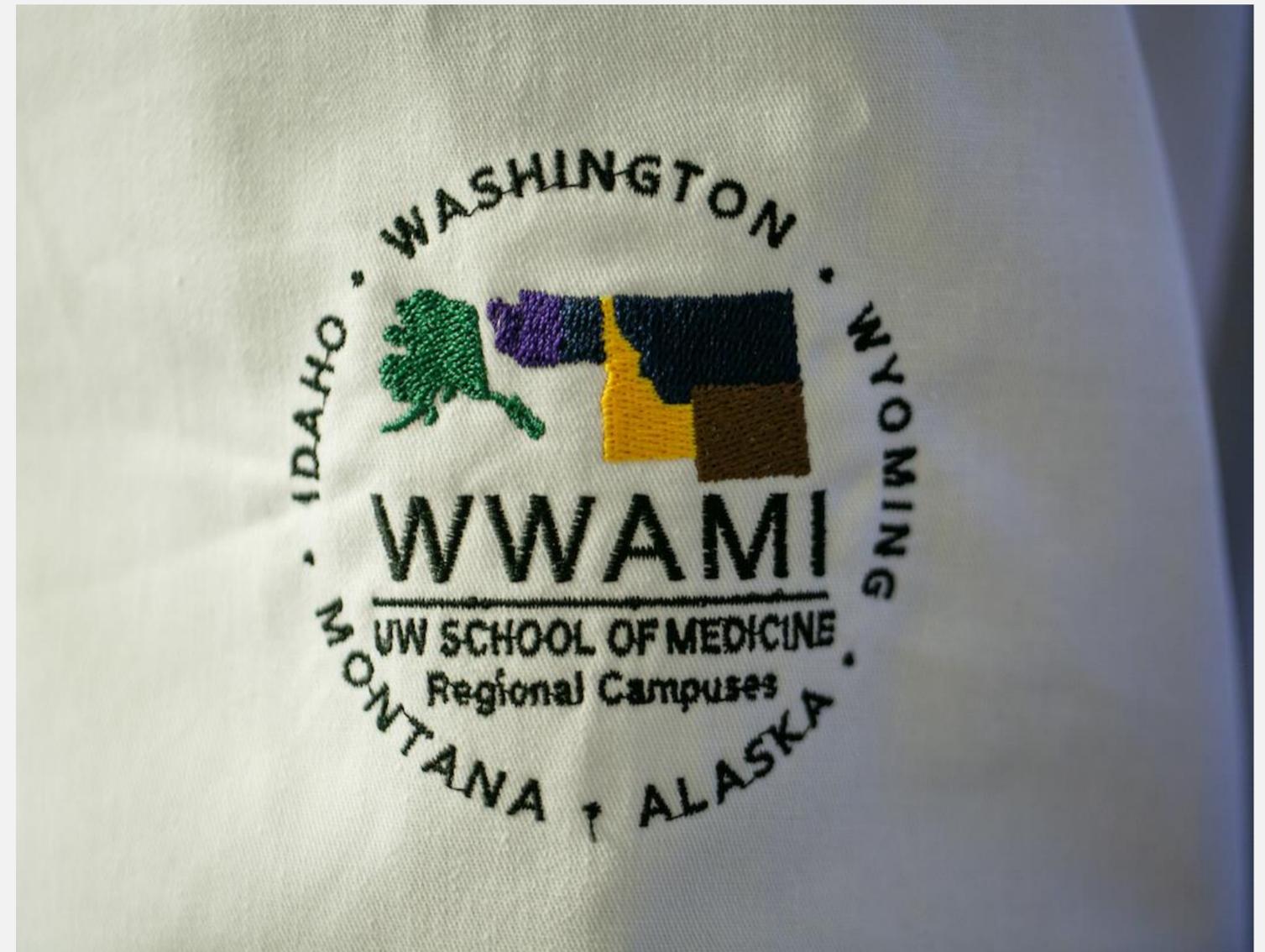


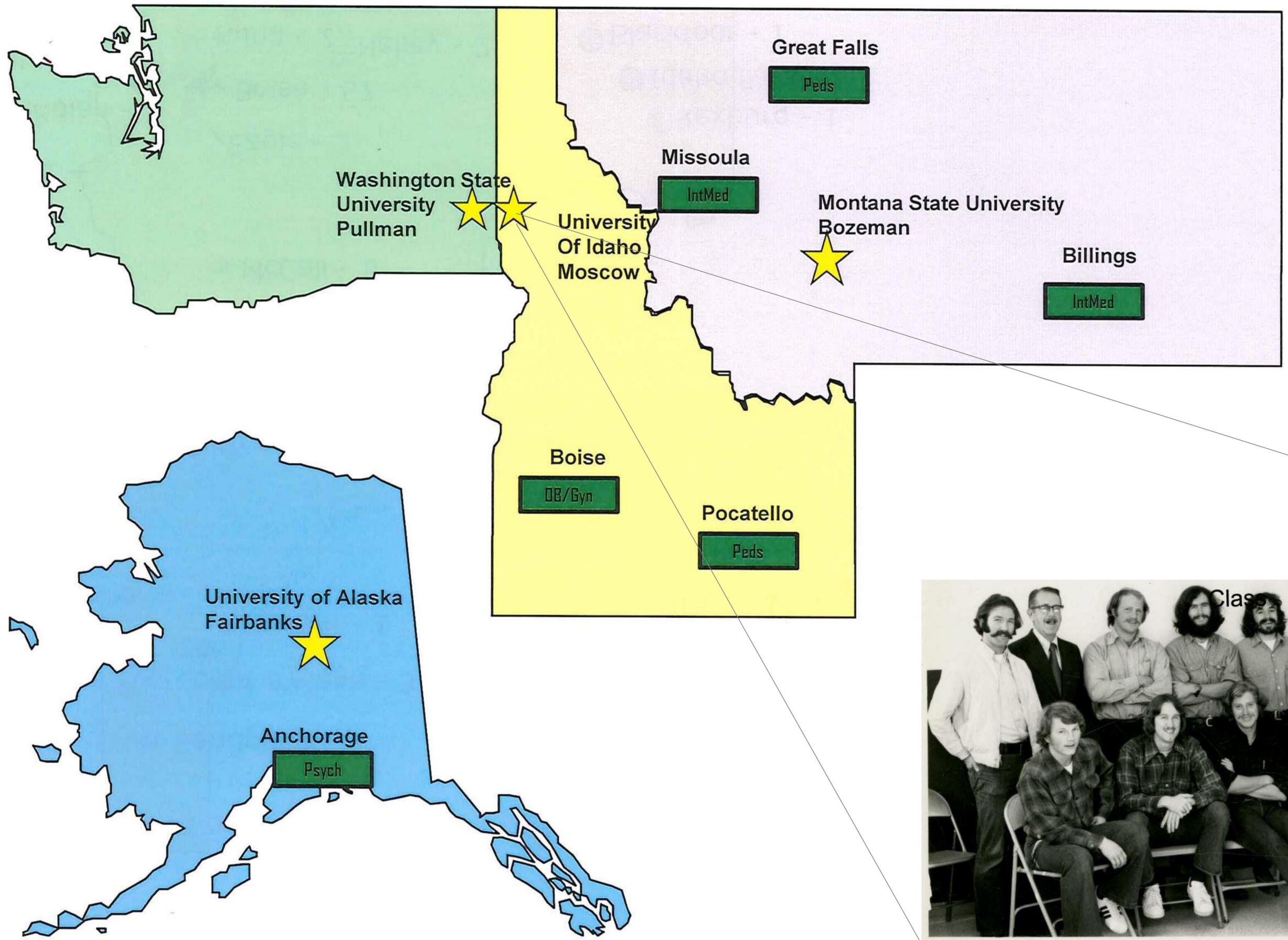
# WWAMI MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM



## Five-state partnership with University of Washington School of Medicine

- Consistently recognized as one of the nation's top schools for training physicians.
- Ranked **NO. 1** for primary care education for 23 of the past 25 years.
- Ranked **NO. 1** for both family medicine and rural medicine for 26 consecutive years.

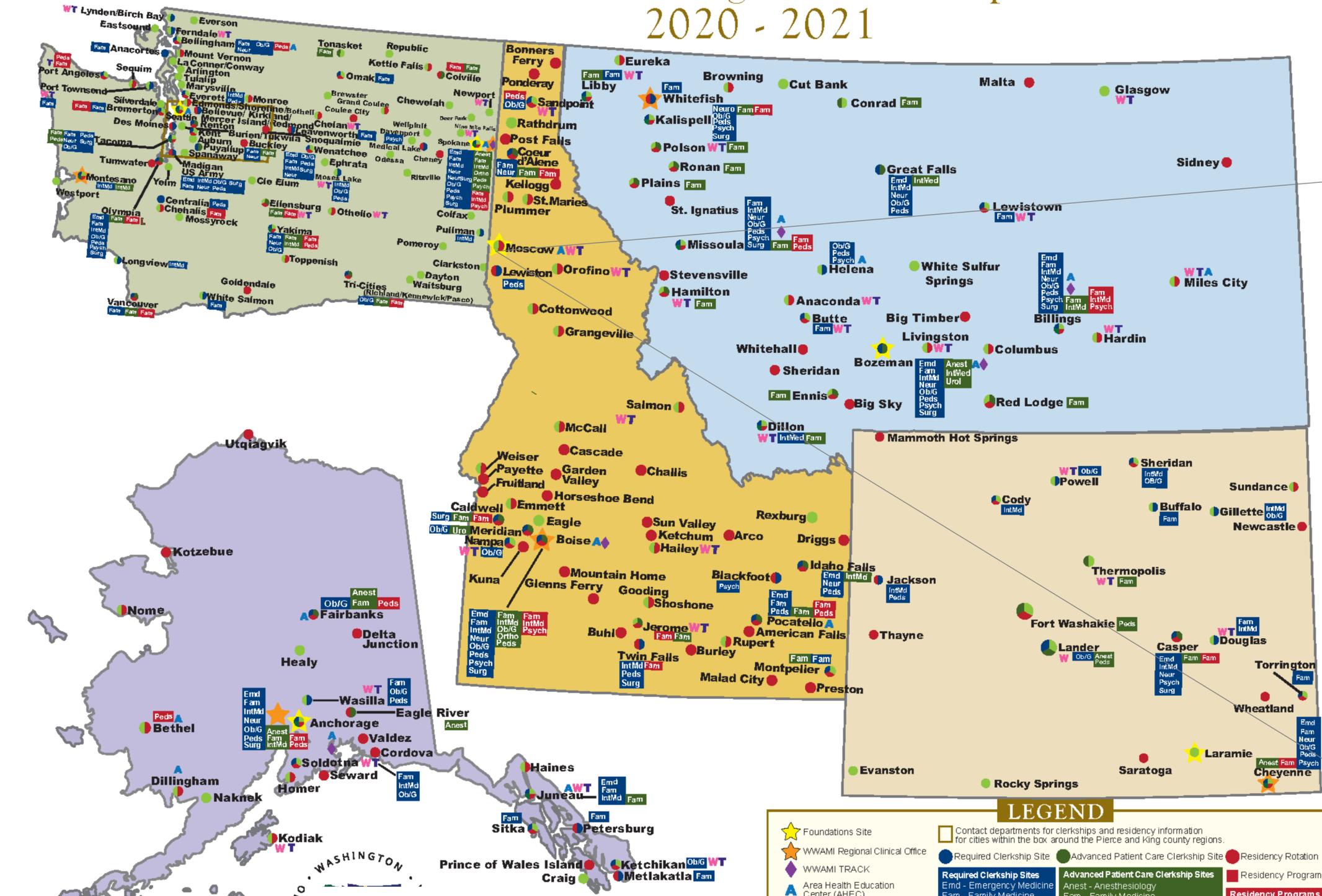




**WAMI 1972**  
**Washington,**  
**Alaska,**  
**Montana, Idaho**  
**WWAMI 1996**  
**Wyoming**



# WWAMI Program Site Map 2020 - 2021



LEGEND			
★	Foundations Site	□	Contact departments for clerkships and residency information for cities within the box around the Pierce and King county regions.
☆	WWAMI Regional Clinical Office	●	Required Clerkship Site
◆	WWAMI TRACK	●	Advanced Patient Care Clerkship Site
A	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)	●	Residency Rotation
W	WWAMI Rural Integrated Training Experience (WRITE)	■	Residency Program
T	Targeted Rural Underserved Track (TRUST)	■	Residency Programs
L	Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC)	■	Fam - Family Medicine
●	Rural Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP)	■	IntMd - Internal Medicine
		■	Peds - Pediatrics
		■	Psych - Psychiatry
		■	Surg - Surgery
		■	Anest - Anesthesiology
		■	Fam - Family Medicine
		■	IntMd - Internal Medicine
		■	Ob/G - Obstetrics/Gynecology
		■	Ortho - Orthopaedics
		■	Peds - Pediatrics
		■	Psych - Psychiatry

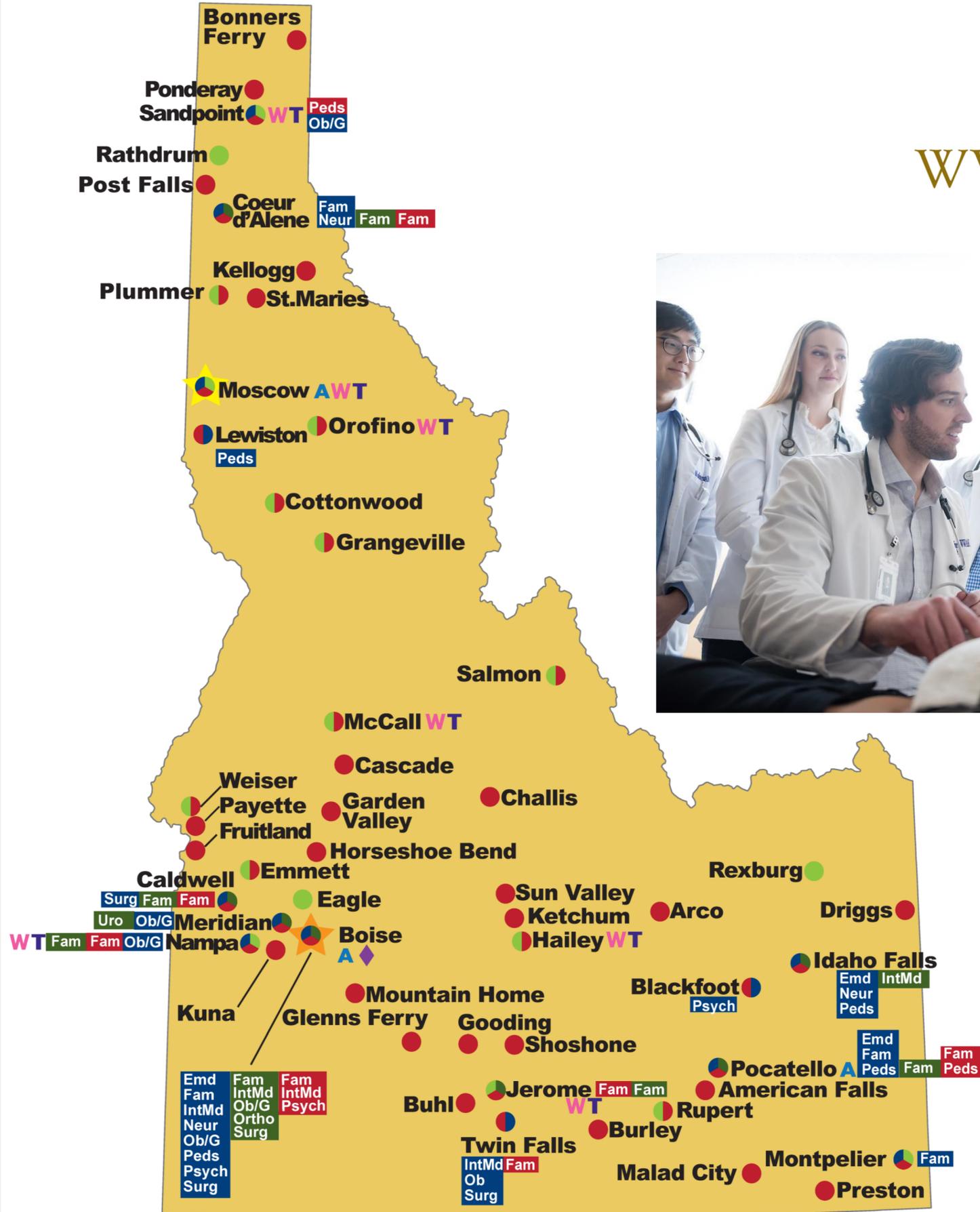


\*Alaska not to scale  
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UNIVERSITY OF  
WASHINGTON

# IDAHO

## WWAMI Program Site Map 2020 - 2021



Moscow, ID



McCall, ID



Jerome, ID

# Idaho WWAMI Grads in the Gem State



51%

of Idaho WWAMI grads practice in Idaho.

National average rate of return is 39%

75%

Return on investment is 75% (entire WWAMI region)



*Suzanna Hueble, MD, Idaho WWAMI '04  
Weiser, ID*



*Lance Hansen, MD, Idaho WWAMI '09  
Montpelier, ID*

# Idaho Health Workforce Data



For every **\$1.00** Idaho invests in Idaho WWAMI, the state's economy gets **\$5.10** back.

National average is \$2.30

**“Idaho ranks 49<sup>th</sup> for Number of Physicians Per Capita”**

AAMC, 2018 Idaho Physician Workforce Profile

**“Nevada and Idaho are the Nation's Fastest-growing States”**

U.S. Census Bureau, Dec. 2018



# Idaho Health Workforce Data

29%

**of Idaho's physicians are over 60.** (AAMC 2018)

96%

**of Idaho is a Primary Care Shortage Area.** (2018, IDHW)

100%

**of Idaho - 44 of 44 counties - are designated  
Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas.** (2018, IDHW)

# Founding Goals of WWAMI

- Provide citizens in the NW access to ***publicly-supported*** medical education.
- ***Increase number of primary care physicians*** and correct the maldistribution of physicians.
- Create ***community-based*** medical education.



- ***Expand GME*** and continuing medical education.
- ***Avoid excessive capital costs*** and duplication of resources by using existing educational infrastructure.

# Rural Programs

## Supported by Idaho WWAMI



### Rural Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP)



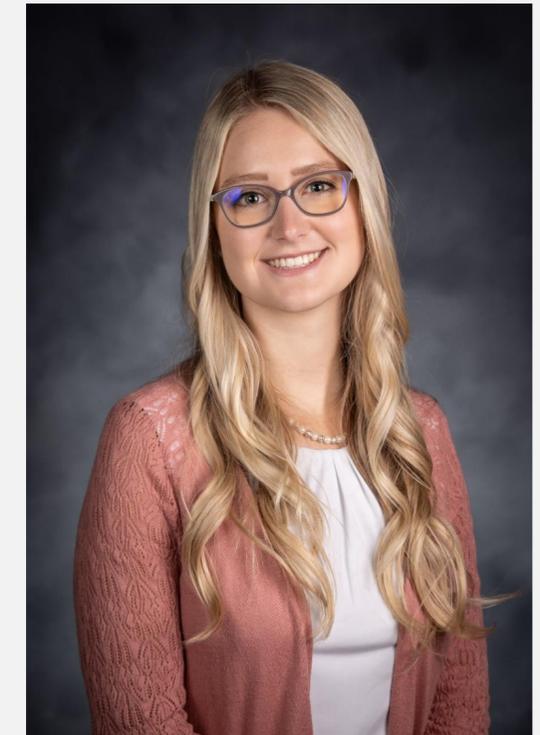
**Tawny Gonzalez**  
Priest River, ID  
RUOP in Plummer

### Targeted Rural Underserved Track (TRUST)



**Demsie Butler**  
Bliss, ID  
TRUST Scholar in Jerome

### North Idaho Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Scholars



**Rhegan McGregor**  
St. Maries, ID  
AHEC Scholar

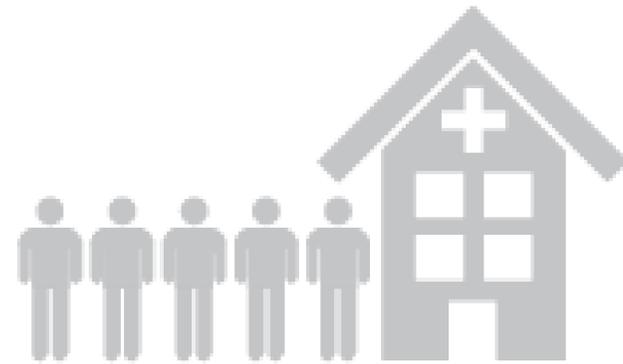


# Project ECHO - Idaho

*A virtual community for Idaho's healthcare workforce*



People need access to specialty care for complex conditions.



There aren't enough specialists to treat everyone, especially in rural areas.



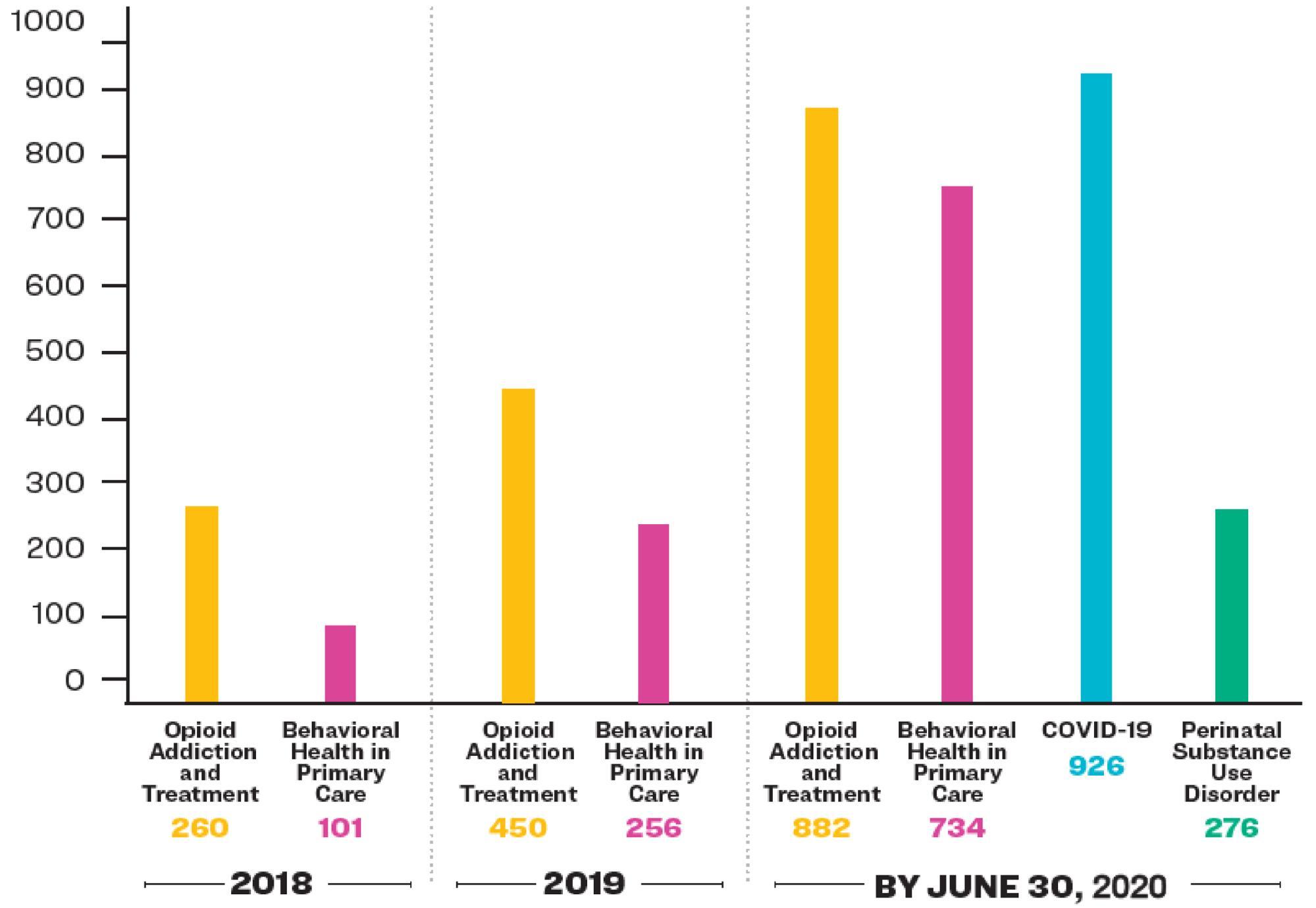
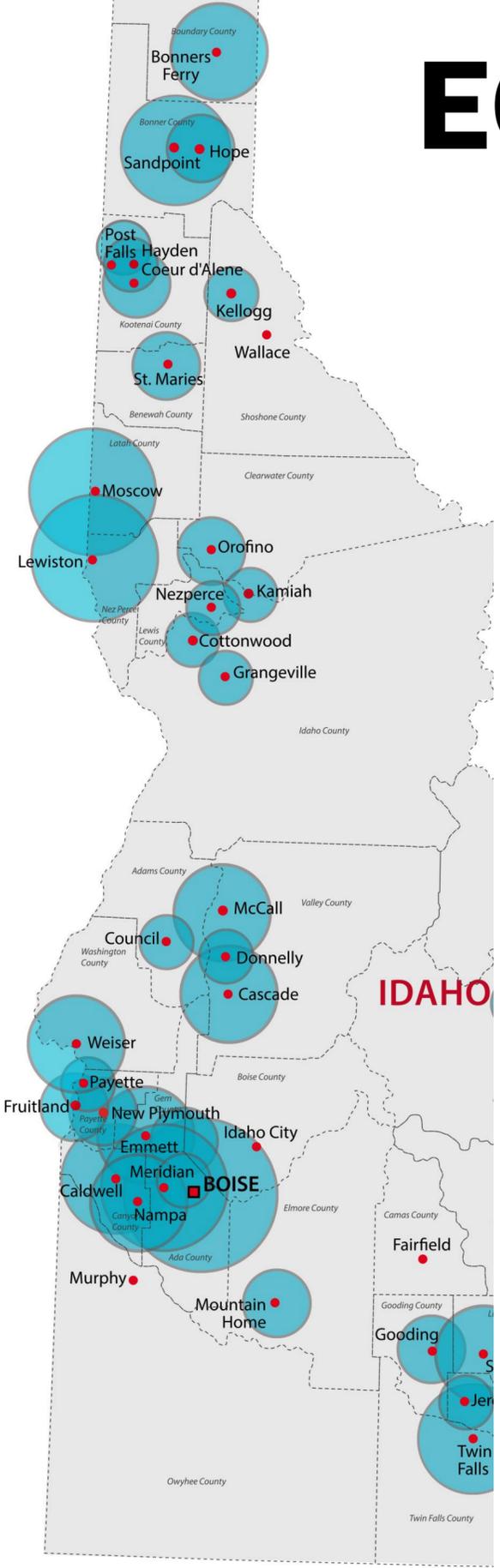
ECHO® trains primary care clinicians to provide specialty care services.



Patients get the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

# ECHO Idaho's Growth 2018-2020

NUMBER OF PEOPLE REGISTERED FOR ECHO IN 2018, 2019 AND BY JUNE 30, 2020:



2019	2020
455	1,623
197	623
70	149
34	42
228	6,283
45	95
44	60

# Benefits to Providers

- Professional interaction with colleagues with similar interests
- Access to specialty consultation
- Mix of work and learning
- Learn about community resources
- Rapid learning and best-practice sharing
  - Reduces variations in care
  - De-monopolizes knowledge
  - Improves quality and safety



# Project ECHO Helps Decrease Costs



## **FEWER HOSPITALIZATIONS AND ER VISITS**

**NY geriatric mental health ECHO program reduced emergency department visits by 20% and cut costs by 24%. (Journal of American Geriatrics Society, 2011)**



## **BETTER QUALITY OF CARE CLOSE TO HOME**

**Rural providers in NM trained through Project ECHO to treat Hepatitis C outperformed specialists. (The New England Journal of Medicine, 2016)**



## **TREATMENT BEFORE COMPLICATIONS ARISE**

**NM ECHO program focusing on complex care patients was attributed to a 17% decrease in per patient per month costs among Medicaid patients. (Harvard Medical School Case Study, 2017)**



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# THANK YOU!





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